

**New Jersey State Mobile Intensive Care Advisory Council**  
**June 9, 2003**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Nevins called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

The minutes for the March 2003 New Jersey State Mobile Intensive Care (MIC) Advisory Council Meeting were approved with no changes.

Dr. Nevins introduced new MICU Program Medical Directors to the Council. They were Dr. Steifel from Underwood Memorial Hospital and Dr. Cameron from MONOC.

**CMS UPDATE-**

*DR. SOL NEVINS*

The Blue Ribbon Panel appointed by Commissioner Lacy has continued discussions regarding the future of our current EMS delivery system. This panel is to focus on access to care, state wide coverage and the availability of funding.

Intense discussions continue as the group prepares recommendations to be forwarded to the Commissioner.

**MICU FUTURE PLANNING**

*DR. JENNIFER WAXLER*

A discussion was held regarding the Epi-Pen. Dr. Justin has written an administration protocol on the use of the Epi-pen. This document will be modified to include a training module. When the document is complete it will be delivered to OEMS to be put into regulatory form.

A motion was made to accept the adult protocol written by Dr. Justin and the pediatric protocol written by EMSC Advisory Council with the understanding that the two documents would be blend into one. The motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the LMA Pilot in Hunterdon County, Data presented by Dr. Justin indicated that 220 EMT-B's were trained to insert the LMA in adult cardiac arrest patients, 20 attempts were made, with 18 successful, and 2 unsuccessful. Based upon the data, a motion was made to recommend to the Commissioner that LMA training be taught to EMT's statewide. The motion carried.

**MEDICATIONS/DEVICES**

*DR. ROBERT LAHITA*

No report.

## **STANDING ORDERS**

*DR. LARRY DESROCHERS*

No Report, Dr. DesRochers is reviewing the published proposed regulations as it pertains to standing orders.

## **LEGISLATION**

*DR. DAVID SCHRECK*

The Emergency Response Plan has 50 million dollars to be allocated in 2003 for Bio-terrorism, Homeland Securely and WMD. In May "Danielle Law" was introduced to the legislature, it requires certain staff working with persons with developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injury to call 911 in life threatening emergencies. Three bills were introduced to exempt physicians from speeding tickets if the physician is responding to the hospital for an emergency. There are two bills in the Senate for emergency contraceptive protocols for sexual assault. There is a bill for advanced airway care for EMT-B's is currently in the Senate. Another bill would allow EMT-Bs to carry and administer Glucagon. Finally a bill was introduced to insure a 'Duty to Act' for any health care provider to render care while on duty.

## **EMS COUNCIL**

*DR. JIM PRUDEN*

There have been a number of discussions as to why five million dollars was removed from the EMT Training fund. The EMS Council is concerned about the language used to create the EMT Training Fund and distribution of the funds.

The EMS Council reports problems with recruitment and retention of the volunteer BLS providers. The Council is looking into identifying the reasons for the decline in membership in order to improve recruitment and retention.

Bob Hansson from the Office of Emergency Management reported that the Hazmat Technician course that was 80-hours is now a 40-hour course.

The Blue Ribbon Panel has discussed many topics including the need to dispatch the closest ALS unit. The definition of response times was another topic of discussion. The panel agreed that on-line medical command is not need to treat every ALS patient. One of the questions the Blue Ribbon Panel is trying to secure an answer to is, are municipalities mandated to provide EMS for the community? The Blue Ribbon Panel is hopeful that changes can be made to the EMS system without change in the legislation.

Dr. Pruden recognized the EMS Council and the Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Emergency Medical Services for a job well done at the EMS Awards Dinner on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2003.

## **NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF PARAMEDIC PROGRAMS**

*Mr. Tom Starr*

No report

## **JEMSTAR PROGRAM**

*MR. TOM STARR ON THE BEHALF OF DR. JOSEPH HUMMEL*

In 1992 the Helicopter program was funded by a one-dollar surcharge to motor vehicle registrations. The one-dollar surcharge no longer sufficiently funds the program. A motion was made to forward a report from the New Jersey State Police through New Jersey Association Paramedic Programs to the MICU Advisory Council and then to the Commissioner. The reports recommends the surcharge to the vehicle registration be increased to three dollars to fund the program and support the replacement or refurbishment of the ageing aircraft. The motion carried.

## **OEMS**

*MRS. KAREN HALUPKE*

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003 all four chapters N.J.A.C. 8:40, 8:40A, 8:41 and. 8:41A were published. There will be a 60-day public comment period. The regulations will be adopted upon completion of all the public comments and any necessary change to the regulations. The Department will review all of the written comments received, necessary changes will be made to the regulations, and then all four chapters will be republished as adoptions.

Jim Blumenstock is now the Acting Deputy Commissioner over Public Health and Prevention/ Emergency Preparedness and Response.

After July 1, 2003 OEMS will be reporting to David Gruber, Executive Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response.

The EMS awards dinner was very successful with over 300 EMS providers in attendance and 140 health care providers were in attendance at the EMS for Children two-day conference.

Victor Carter has left OEMS to become the Bio-terrorism Regional Coordinator for Bergen County. OEMS has several open Public Health Rep-2 positions on both the enforcement and the education sides of the Department. Anyone interested should forward his or her resume to Chuck McSweeney.

A special note of thanks to Dr. Sol Nevins for all his time and effort as the Chair of the MICU Advisory Council.

Mr. Chuck McSweeney

The following MICU programs have not submitted their third or fourth quarter reports for 2002 to our office: Valley Hospital, Saint Clare's Hospital, Atlantic City Medical Center and Underwood Memorial Hospital.

OEMS is working with the Department of Justice and the Office of Emergency Management to get an accurate count of all the EMS vehicles in the state. It's the goal of these agencies to provide rescue hoods for EMS providers based upon the number of EMS vehicles.

Mr. Kevin Hayden

Mr. Hayden is the director of Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response. The vision of his office is to bring together the hospitals, prehospital providers, health departments and the offices of emergency management to work as unified team.

#### **EDUCATION**

*Mr. Robert Clawson*

The recertification cards were all sent out for ALS providers expiring on 6/30/2003. Thanks to all the Educators and Program Administrators for their input on the new continuing education form.

One of the changes OEMS will be to ask every EMS provider will be asked on their recertification application if they have ever been convicted of a crime.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The election committee presented their nominations for the chair and vice-chair of the MICU Advisory Committee. The first nomination was for the Chair. Dr. Jennifer Waxler ran unopposed and was voted in unanimously.

There were two nominations for the position of Vice-Chair, Dr. Will Gluckman and Dr. Larry DesRochers. Each candidate addressed the members present, and after a closed ballot election. Dr. Larry DesRochers was elected Vice-Chair.

Dr. Pruden made a motion to have intranasal narcan add to the Standing Order Protocol if it is FDA approved. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m.

#### **Next Meeting**

September 8, 2003

New Jersey Hospital Association  
Princeton, New Jersey

**2003 Dates**  
December 8, 2003

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